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Organization Information

* **Legal Name** Collin County Government
* **Address** 2300 Bloomdale Road
* **City** McKinney
* **State** Texas
* **Zip** 75071
Website Address www.co.collin.tx.us
* **Mission Statement** The mission of Collin County Development Services is to protect and preserve the health and safety of our citizens and our environment by ensuring water quality through permitting and regulation of on-site sewage facilities, investigations, environmental consultation, and enforcing local laws and policies as determined by the County, State, and Federal governments.

Store Partner

* **Closest Lowe's Store** 3 miles
* **Store Number** 2825
* **Spoken to Manager?** Yes
Store Manager's Name Jolene Slaughter

Project Details

* **Project Title** Septic System Replacement/Repair
* **Total Project Expense** \$25,000.00
* **Total Dollars Raised or Committed** \$0.00
* **Amount Requested** \$25,000.00
* **Project Budget Details** Costs can vary based on if the system only needs repair or if it must be entirely replaced, as well as type of system and property conditions, such as placement of utilities and landscaping. An estimated range of costs is listed below per septic system.
Pump out of existing systems - \$100 to \$600
Replacement of pipes - \$100 to \$1,000
Replacement of baffles/distribution boxes - \$800 to \$1,600
Permit - \$10
Design and installation of new system - \$3,000 to \$4,500
Replacement of drain/leach field - \$3,000 to \$4,500
Tree removal, addition of appropriate drain field vegetation - \$500 to \$2,500
* **Project Category** Other

Other Project Category Description Repair/replace failing septic systems for economically disadvantaged residents near Lavon Lake

Project Start Date	10/01/2013
Project End Date	09/30/2014
* Project Description	<p>Collin County is home to 834,642 residents most of whom, along with an additional 800,000 persons in 7 other counties, obtain water from the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD). Lavon Lake serves as NTMWD's main raw water supply source, as well as a recreational area with 16 parks, boat ramps, camping sites, and hiking trails.</p> <p>While most homes located in proximity to Lavon Lake are in good repair, there are 2 subdivisions with approximately 33% on-site sewage facility (OSSF) failure, resulting in untreated sewage run-off directly into Lavon Lake from 24 to 28 failing septic systems. Most homes in these rural subdivisions are 50 to 75 years old with median household incomes approximately 17% below the US average and an estimated unemployment rate of 9.5%. Home owners are unable to afford the \$5,000 to \$12,000 expense to repair or replace their failing systems.</p> <p>Septic, or OSSF, systems have a 20-30 year lifetime under the best conditions as the soil around the adsorption field eventually becomes clogged, making the system unusable. Additionally, tree roots, water-saturated soils, and poor installation can lead to problems. Failing systems can pollute ground and surface water, resulting in disease from swimming or drinking. Additionally, OSSF failure may cause excess nitrate levels in water, promote algae growth and suffocation of marine species, and become breeding areas for disease-carrying mosquitos and flies.</p> <p>Collin County Development Services would like to request \$25,000 to repair/replace at least 2 (~ 10%) of the failing septic systems to improve the health and safety of subdivision residents and all persons affiliated with Lavon Lake. Collin County will contract with licensed individuals to survey and plan repair/replacement of existing systems, including pump out of existing system; tree removal; pipe, baffle, and/or distribution box replacement; installation of new tank; and/or replacement of drain field with appropriate vegetation.</p>
* Measure Success?	Success will be measured by the number of failing septic systems replaced/repaired.
* Volunteer Opportunities Details	With other grant funds, Collin County has replaced 3 systems over the past two years and is currently working on another. Each time, the Development Services Department coordinates with Habitat for Humanity to volunteer and repair other issues associated with the aging homes. Collin County would welcome any volunteer assistance with property and drain/leach field clean up and site preparation. Volunteer opportunities for housing repair will be coordinated through Habitat for Humanity.
* Community Events	No, there will not be any community events centered around this project.
* Volunteer Opportunities	Lowe's volunteers may be able to help with property clean up and drain field site preparation.
* Events or Other Promotions	Our Public Information Department will create and distribute a news release publicizing the grant award through local media. It will also be published on the County website and social media pages, which average 1.2 million hits per month.
* Follow-up Information	Misty Brown
* Approval by a Board, Committee, etc	Yes

Demographics

* Hometown Zip Code	No
* Ethnic/Racial Breakdown	34% African American 45% Caucasian 21% Hispanic
* Number Served	6

Supplemental Information

* Physical Property	Yes
* Property Ownership	Not Applicable
* Owner Involvement	Yes
* Rental/Lease Details	Collin County does not own any of the property on which the failing septic systems are located. However, Collin County Development Services will work with the owners of each property to ensure their understanding of the project and coordinate with them to have the work completed.
* Fees for Program/Services	Yes
* If yes, Outline Fees	Collin County Development Services OSSF permit fees range from \$310 to \$335. However, Collin County will waive all permitting fees for this project with the exception of the \$10 fee required by the State of Texas.
* Fees Generated	90
* Disadvantaged Population	Collin County serves an estimated population of 834,642 residents, including any disadvantaged persons.
* Fundraising Plan	<p>Collin County is endeavoring to obtain grant funding for this project. Collin County has already coordinated the repair/replacement of 4 septic systems in the area using Texas Commission on Environmental Quality grant funds provided to Chisholm Trail Resource Conservation and Development, a non-profit organization that promotes natural resources preservation and economic development in North Texas.</p> <p>Collin County will continue to pursue additional grant funding opportunities with the goal of replacing all failing septic systems in these two subdivisions.</p>
* Secure Needed Funds	If funds are not awarded through the Lowe's Charitable and Education Foundation, Collin County will continue to pursue other grant opportunities to fund this important project.
* Your Programs and Services	Collin County government services can be subdivided into 12 functions which include conservation, culture and recreation, debt service, equipment services, financial administrative, general administrative, health and welfare, judicial, legal, public facilities, public safety, and public transportation.

*** Board of Directors** Keith Self
Matt Shaheen
Cheryl Williams
Chris Hill
Duncan Webb

*** Your Staff** Collin County government is composed of 47 departments with 1,690 employees. However, over 60% serve law enforcement, judicial, and correctional functions.

Collin County Development Services is part of the Engineering Department and is composed of 9 staff - 5 inspectors, 3 clerical, and 1 manager.

*** Number Volunteers Annually** 5000

*** Committed Funds** No other funds have been secured for this project.

*** Your Organization's Contribution** \$0.00

*** Organization's Annual Budget** \$259,113,699.00

*** Has your organization ever filed for bankruptcy?** No

*** Current Relationship** Yes. Collin County works with Lowe's store #2825 through the State of Texas cooperative contract to purchase any necessary items.

Additional Details While only 4-8 people will be direct beneficiaries of this project, the decrease in sewage run off will benefit the entire subdivision, as well as approximately 1.6 million persons associated with Lavon Lake as a water source.

While, Collin County has more than 5,000 volunteers annually, there are no volunteers associated specifically with Development Services. Additionally, while the County's annual budget exceeds \$250 million, Development Services' current annual budget for operations is \$11,068.

Additional Information

- [Trinity Park & Yucote Subdivisions Map.pdf](#) (580.66 K, uploaded by Eileen Prentice on 07/05/2013)

Request - Payee

*** Check Awarded To:** Organization Listed

Payee Organization Collin County Government

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Payee Street2 Suite 3100

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Payee State Texas

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